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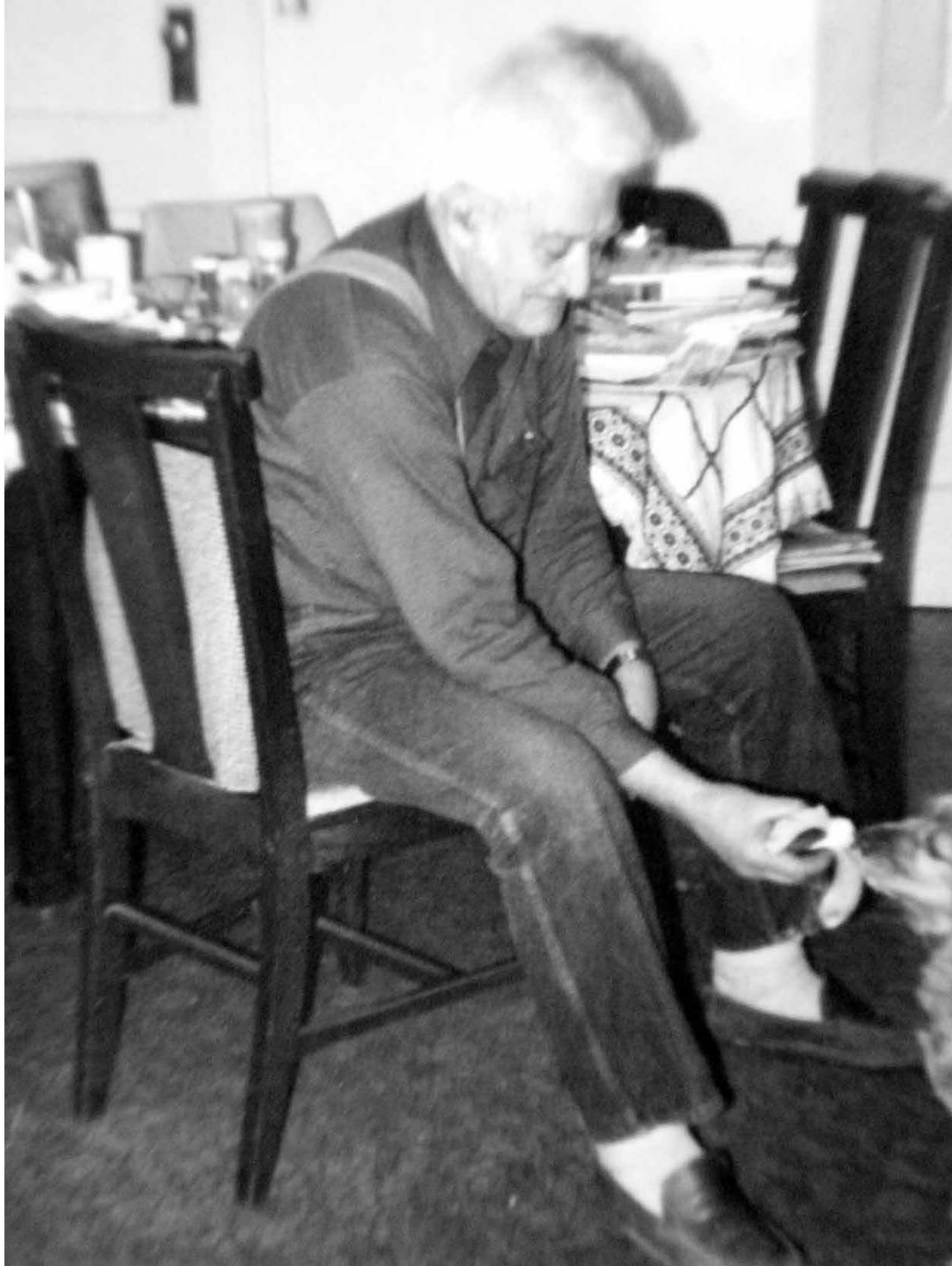
THOMAS McNEILL

HE WAS BORN IN THE TOWN OF NEWTON, MASS. ON JANUARY 1, 1776.
HE DIED IN THE TOWN OF NEWTON, MASS. ON JANUARY 1, 1976.
HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE NEWTON TOWN SOCIETY.



Dr. Hamric his mother
and sister







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Teacher - Edna Kellison

Students: Maude Bowers
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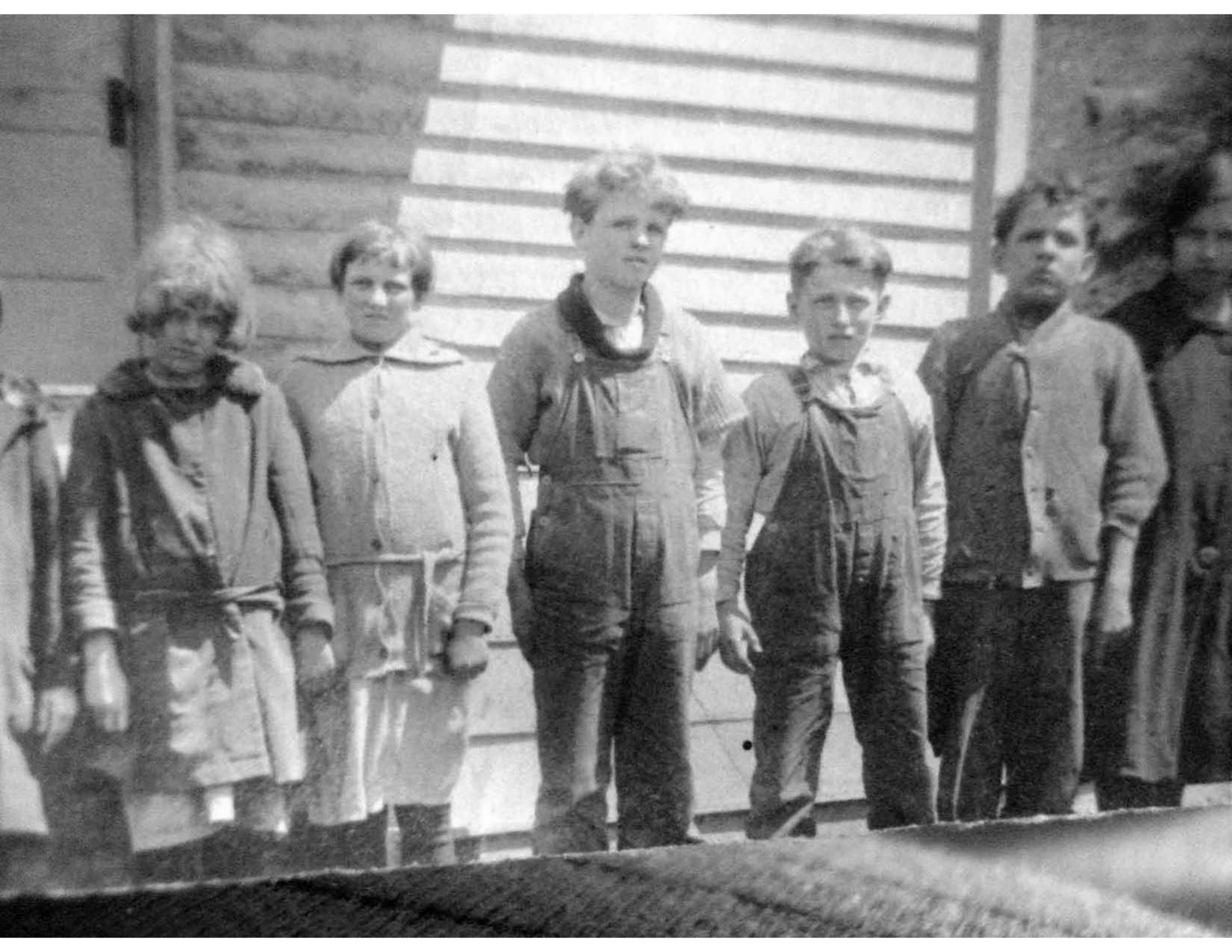
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Here follows the piece printed about the wedding in this paper fifty years ago:

MARRIED

Pocahontas Times

Issue of Thursday. Feb. 5, 1903

An interesting society event transpired January 29th, 1903 on the Dry Branch of Swago at 3:00 P. M., when Geo. Douglas McNeill and Marietta Grace McNeill were united in holy matrimony, Wm. T. Price officiating upon the auspicious occasion. The bride is the third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William McNeill, a popular teacher of public schools, and a highly estimated young person. The groom is the only son of Capt. James M. McNeill, of Buckeye vicinity, a teacher of public schools and a recent graduate in the study of law at Washington, D. C., where he served as clerk in the census department the last two or three years. The party was chaperoned by the bride's sister, Mrs. O. H. Kee, while Mr. Kee acted as the groom's best man.

A beautiful supper was spread and heartily enjoyed by forty or more persons. Miss Viola and Mittie Kee presided at the organ, and contributed much to the pleasure of the company with their performance.









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Forty-Seventh

Annual

Commencement



Davis and Elkins College

Tuesday, May Twenty-Nine
Nineteen Hundred and Fifty-One

Forty-Seventh

Annual Commencement

10:20 A.M.	Processional	
Invocation		Rev. John H. Stanton
Valedictory		Roy B. Clarkson Summa Cum Laude
Solo	"Lo! Hear the Gentle Lark" Evangeline Collins Mauzy Mrs. G.H. Neale, Accompanist	Sir Henry R. Bishop
Address		Major General Charles I. Carpenter Chief of Air Force Chaplains Department of Defense Washington, D.C.
Solo	"God of the Open Air" Evangeline Collins Mauzy Mrs. G.H. Neale, Accompanist	Noble Cain
Conferring of Baccalaureate Degrees		
Conferring of Honorary Degrees		
Presentation of Awards		
General Announcements		
Benediction		Rev. Walter W. White
Recessional		
Marshals:		Lorna Jeanne Greves, '52 Maurice Glenn Scott, '52

The audience will remain standing for the
Recessional

1904

Candidates For Degrees

1951

Bachelor of Arts

Adams, Catherine Terrill (cum laude)	Fairmont	**Hedrick, Frank A.	Elkins
Adams, Jacqueline Sutton	Narrows, Va.	Hill, Theodore E.	Belington
*Albee, James Allen	Wantagh, N.Y.	Kim, Chong Soung	Seoul, Korea
*Baldwin, William DeMorris	Pelham, N.Y.	Knopp, Kenneth Clay	Staunton, Va.
Bennett, Dorothy Ruth	Baldwin, N.Y.	*Kotch, Ione	Frackville, Pa.
*Biale, Wilbourn George	Clarksburg	Lee, Donna Jane	Bolivar
Burns, Russell Dowell	Welch	Mewha, Rebecca E.	Wellsburg
Carr, Chata Ingram	Elkins	**Midkiff, Barbara Bird	Elkins
Chenoweth, Okey Everett, Jr. (cum laude)	Elkins	Mitchell, Barbara Elizabeth (cum laude)	Piedmont
Clark, Melvin A.	Elkins	*Rice, Donald L.	Beverly
*Clone, Denver H.	St. George	**Right, Lee	Belington
Cunningham, Betty Ann (cum laude)	Elkins	Ryu, Ki-Sook (cum laude)	Seoul, Korea
DeBoise, Dorothy Virginia	Baldwin, N.Y.	Schuetz, Deloras Jacqueline	Wheeling
DiGiacomo, Felix A.	Newark, N.J.	Schuhmann, Nelson Charles	Crestwood, N.Y.
Ferguson, Elwood L.	Montrose	Sheets, Forrest D. (cum laude)	Huntington
Gessinger, John Allen (magna cum laude)	Millville, N.J.	Shiflet, Elizabeth Hopkins (cum laude)	Cap Mills
Guthall, Meade Leroy	Norton	Thomas, Richard Lynn	Brooklyn, N.Y.
*Harman, Monna Rae	Elkins	Tuttle, John L.	Lafayette, Calif.
Hayes, Richard Perkins	Portsmouth, Va.	**Yount, William Davis	Petersburg

Bachelor of Science

Andres, William Wolcott, Jr.	Elkins	Mays, Richard Puckett (magna cum laude)	Beckley
Arias-Smith, Edward Phillipps	Gassaway	Munns, George William, Jr., (cum laude)	Nutley, N.J.
*Bahayan, Iris Cora	New York, N.Y.	Novich, Edward Herbert	Hoboken, N.J.
**Beard, Carl George, II	Mill Point	Porter, Donald Kent	New Rochelle, N.Y.
Brochinsky, Myron Russell	Ansonia, Conn.	Purvis, Matthew Robert, Jr.	Fanwood, N.J.
Campbell, Paul Ray	Elkins	Reed, Miriam Woodworth (magna cum laude)	Burlington
Carter, Kenneth Ellsworth	Ridgeley	Robinson, Bert Paul	Waldorf, Md.
Ceravolo, Joseph James	Aliquippa, Pa.	Roltsch, Albert Lawrence	Bogota, N.J.
Clarkson, Roy B. (summa cum laude)	Cass	Sadowitz, Jerome (magna cum laude)	Brooklyn, N.Y.
Cochran, Morgan Wilkins (magna cum laude)	Elkins	Sheppard, Thomas Franklyn	Ansonia, Conn.
Corley, Robert H. (magna cum laude)	Junior	Siertl, Nancy Kiess (cum laude)	Elkins
Dailey, Robert Wood, IV	Romney	Smith, Leonora R.	Flushing, N.Y.
Dawkey, Doris Jean	Dailey	Smith, Robert Reed	Upper Montclair, N.J.
*Gibson, Stanley G.	Marlinton	*South, Walter M.	Moundsville
Hathaway, Robert Hall	Belington	*Stover, Thomas McNair (cum laude)	Doe Hill, Va.
Hill, Evelyn Jane (magna cum laude)	Elkins	Updike, Russell Bosworth	Mill Creek
Hill, Neil Wesley	Greenbank	**Visnich, Peter	Export, Pa.
Horn, Alfred Daniel	Ridgefield Park, N.J.	Visnich, Sam	Export, Pa.
*Houseworth, William A.	Manhasset, N.Y.	*Vris, Thomas	Jutland, N.J.
*Kilmuff, Timothy J.	Elkins	Wesner, John Christopher (summa cum laude)	Spangler, Pa.
McCarley, Julian E. (magna cum laude)	Arlington, Va.	Wimer, Don Morris	Cumberland, Md.
Madden, Joseph J., Jr.	Elkins	**Winkler, Mary Margaret (magna cum laude)	Charleston

Bachelor of Science in Physical Education

*Bennett, John Charles	Wheeling	Layman, Cecil Gordon, Jr. (cum laude)	Waynesboro, Va.
*Byrd, Jack Ardell	Huntersville	**McKelvey, Thomas Lester	West Englewood, N.J.
*Childers, Earl Stephen	Elkins	Madden, Robert C.	Elkins
Clark, James Brady	Elkins	Pascuzzi, Frank B.	Baden, Pa.
Fitzwater, Clarence T.	Stony Bottom	*Ritenhouse, Ernest John	Bergenfield, N.J.
*Fugate, James William	Milton	Scarfo, Rosie Marie	Norton
Gallard, Hubert Raymond	Marlinton	Simmons, Eugene Neil	Elkins
*Gibbs, Edward Francis	Newark, N.J.	*Stewart, Allen D.	Frank
Guthall, Neil A.	Norton	Supak, Edward N.	St. George
Hamilton, Harry William, Jr.	Fairlawn, N.J.	Underwood, Nathaniel Benson	Ronceverte
*Kewens, John W.	Kerens	Walden, Richard B.	Elkins
		Walden, Thomas Edgar	Elkins

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Arbogast, Luty Chew	Blue Grass, Va.	*Perry, Donald L.	Elkins
*Berke, Roger Joseph	Mt. Vernon, N.Y.	Phares, Stanley Virgil (cum laude)	Elkins
Brown, David Dann	Elkins	Phillips, Hayward Clinton	Elkins
*Calain, Jack L.	Elkins	*Quirk, Clary Andrew	Englewood, N.J.
Catala, Joseph Morrell	Livingston, N.J.	Reid, Robert L., Jr.	Baldwin, N.Y.
Chase, Norman	New London, Conn.	*Reid, Warren R.	Mt. Vernon, N.Y.
Christian, Charles Clifford, Jr.	Kearny, N.J.	*Riggleman, Margaret Jeanne	Elkins
Condry, Elizabeth D. (cum laude)	Elkins	*Ross, Robert John	Richmond Hills, N.Y.
Cummings, James Hawthorne, Jr. (cum laude)	Bloomfield, N.J.	Simmons, Clarence Edwin	Elkins
Donaldson, Robert Carl	Belington	Somerville, Thomas William	West Englewood, N.J.
Drenkard, Allan Albert	Hackensack, N.J.	Tagliabue, Robert Warren	Englewood, N.J.
Earle, Richard Delbert	Elkins	Talbot, Sue Dowden	Elkins
*Forrest, Robert Arthur	West Englewood, N.J.	Telemeco, William	Valley Bend
*Fredrick, Robert Clifford	Bloomfield, N.J.	Tucci, Josephine	Norton
Karcher, Frank W., Jr.	Floral Park, N.Y.	*Wamsley, Kenneth Neil	Elkins
*Kotter, Robert Ernest	Newark, N.J.	Warner, Charles Jones	Circleville
Leonard, Charles F. (cum laude)	New Rochelle, N.Y.	*Weese, Keith Conrad	Columbus, Ohio
Lindsay, James Joseph, III.	Manhasset, N.Y.	*Williams, Stanton Monroe	Arlington, Va.
Mahman, Thomas Veitch, Jr.	Bronxville, N.Y.	Figueron, Xenia Villalon	Heredia, Costa Rica
Patchett, Roger LeRoy	West Englewood, N.J.		

Bachelor of Science in Engineering

Canfield, Floyd Bartlett	Montrose	Reynolds, Adelbert James	Ashville, N.C.
Carpenter, Richard Gordon	Elkins	Richards, Leslie William, Jr.	Northbrook, Ill.
Feick, George, Jr.	Asbury Park, N.J.	Santuro, Sergio	Brooklyn, N.Y.
Grotefend, Richard Frank	Tenafly, N.J.	*Sheakley, Edward Alexander	Linesville, Pa.
*Johnson, Andrew Stanley	Clayton, N.Y.	Silcosky, Donald N.	Johnsonburg, Pa.
Pishtey, Wallace	Yonkers, N.Y.	Sytch, John, Jr. (cum laude)	Rahway, N.J.
*Plemons, Charles Edward	Elkins	*Townsend, Lorn G. (magna cum laude)	Diana
		Ward, Robert James	Ellamore

Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education

*Ault, William Glenn	Red Creek	*Hayes, Arta Lee	Hillsboro
*Bennett, Emmel Alice	Circleville	*Hinkle, Coline F.	Parsons
Blankenship, Carolyn Cole (magna cum laude)	Pineville	*Hockenberry, I'Dell G.	Valley Bend
Bonner, Louise Haggerty	Elkins	Hogshhead, Sue Bell	Elkins
*Bullion, Lillie Mae	Huttonsville	Isch, Rose F.	Elkins
*Cunningham, Wanda G.	Coalton	*Kisamore, James Mason	Mouth of Seneca
*Cutlip, Plummer F.	Buckeye	*Mallow, Hope H.	Durbin
*Daniels, Elva Louise	Beverly	Mallow, Rubie C.	Macksville
*Dove, Seylon	Riverton	*Osborne, Helen Louise	Mill Creek
*Graham, Fay Harr	Hendricks	*Sharpless, Louise B.	Elkins
Grotefend, Telete Richards	Tenafly, N.J.	Shiflet, Eleanor Knott (cum laude)	Cap Mills
*Harris, Macel Keener	Greenbank		

Honorary Degrees

Mrs. Esther S. Allen, Doctor of Laws
Mrs. Lolas Brewer, Doctor of Laws
Mr. G.D. McNeill, Doctor of Laws

Rev. Walter W. White, Doctor of Divinity

Mr. James R. Moreland, Doctor of Laws
Rev. Claude King Davis, Doctor of Divinity
Rev. John Hubert Stanton, Doctor of Divinity

The presence of a student's name upon this program does not necessarily indicate that he will graduate with his class. All college regulations must be complied with before the diploma can be granted.

* - completed work January 27, 1951

** - completed work September 2, 1950

A TRIBUTE
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MARLINTON, W. VA.
JULY 6 1961

Memorial Obituary



Mrs. G. D. McNeill

Mrs. Marietta Grace McNeill, 82, of Buckeye, died at the Pocahontas Memorial Hospital on Saturday, July 1, 1961, after a long illness. Mrs. McNeill was born at Buckeye on January 22, 1879, the daughter of the late William C. and Susan Buckley McNeill. On January 29, 1903, she was united in marriage to George Douglas McNeill, who survives.

In her youth Mrs. McNeill was a teacher in the district schools, and throughout her life was a professing Christian and a member of the Buckeye Methodist Church.

Surviving are: her husband, G. D. McNeill of Buckeye; two sons, Ward K. McNeill of Columbus, Ohio, and James W. McNeill, of Buckeye; two daughters, Mrs. Carleton P. (Elizabeth) Dorsey and Mrs. Roger W. (Louise) Pease, both of Morgantown. Al-

so surviving are her sister, Mrs. Edna M. Kellison, of Beard; her brother, R. S. McNeil, of Marlinton; four grandchildren: John D. McNeill, Fresno, California; Blix and Cheryl McNeill, at home; Douglas Pease, of Hanover, New Hampshire; and two great-grandchildren, Larch Ann and Rosemarie McNeill, of California.

Funeral services were held at two o'clock, July 3, at the Swago Methodist Church, with the Reverend Ezra Bennett in charge; interment followed at the family cemetery at Buckeye.

"Strength and dignity are her clothing . . . and the law of kindness is on her tongue . . . She looketh well to the ways of her household . . . Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her . . . Give her the fruit, of her hands and let her works praise her in the gates."

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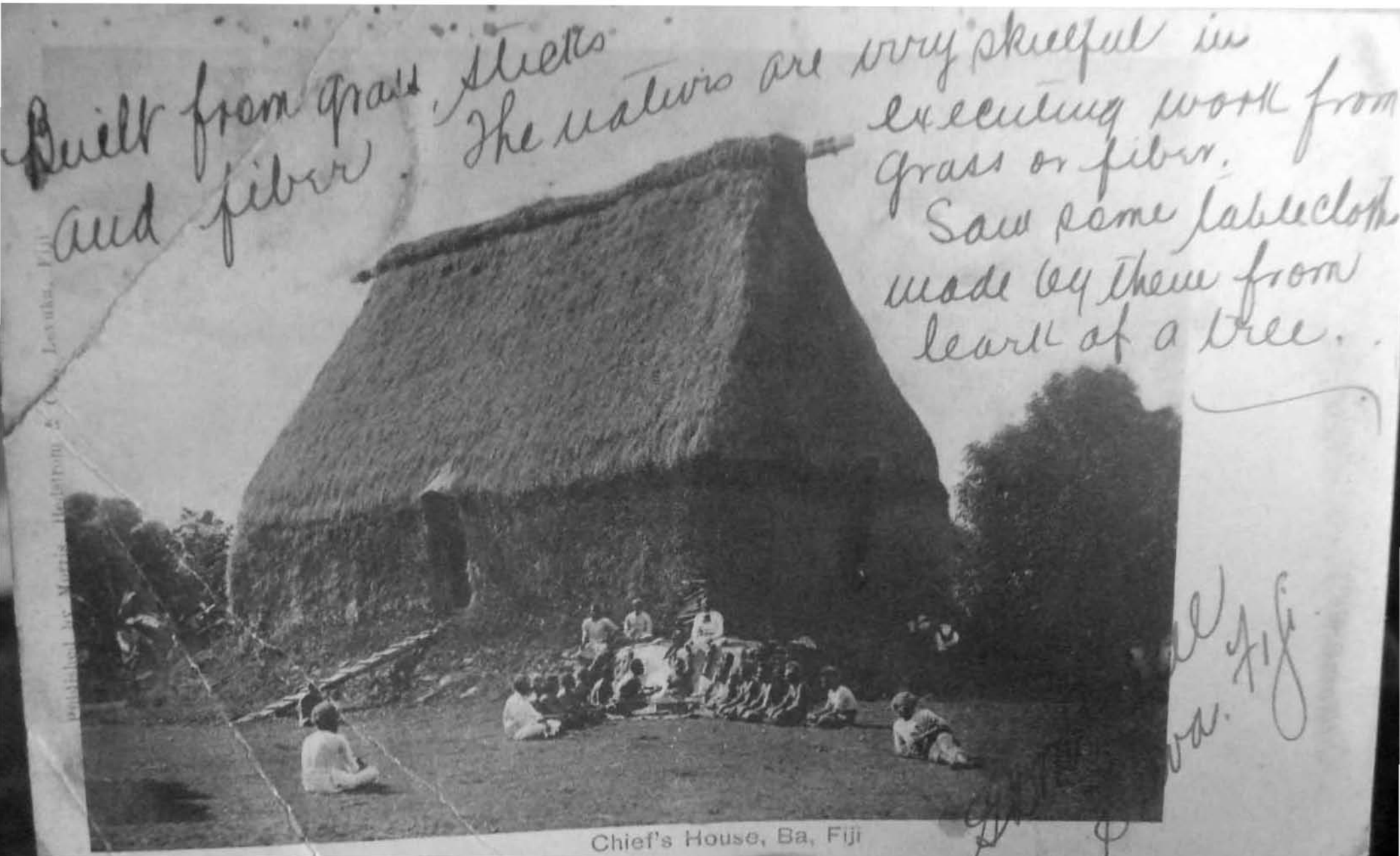
Capt. James M. McNeill

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Correspondence

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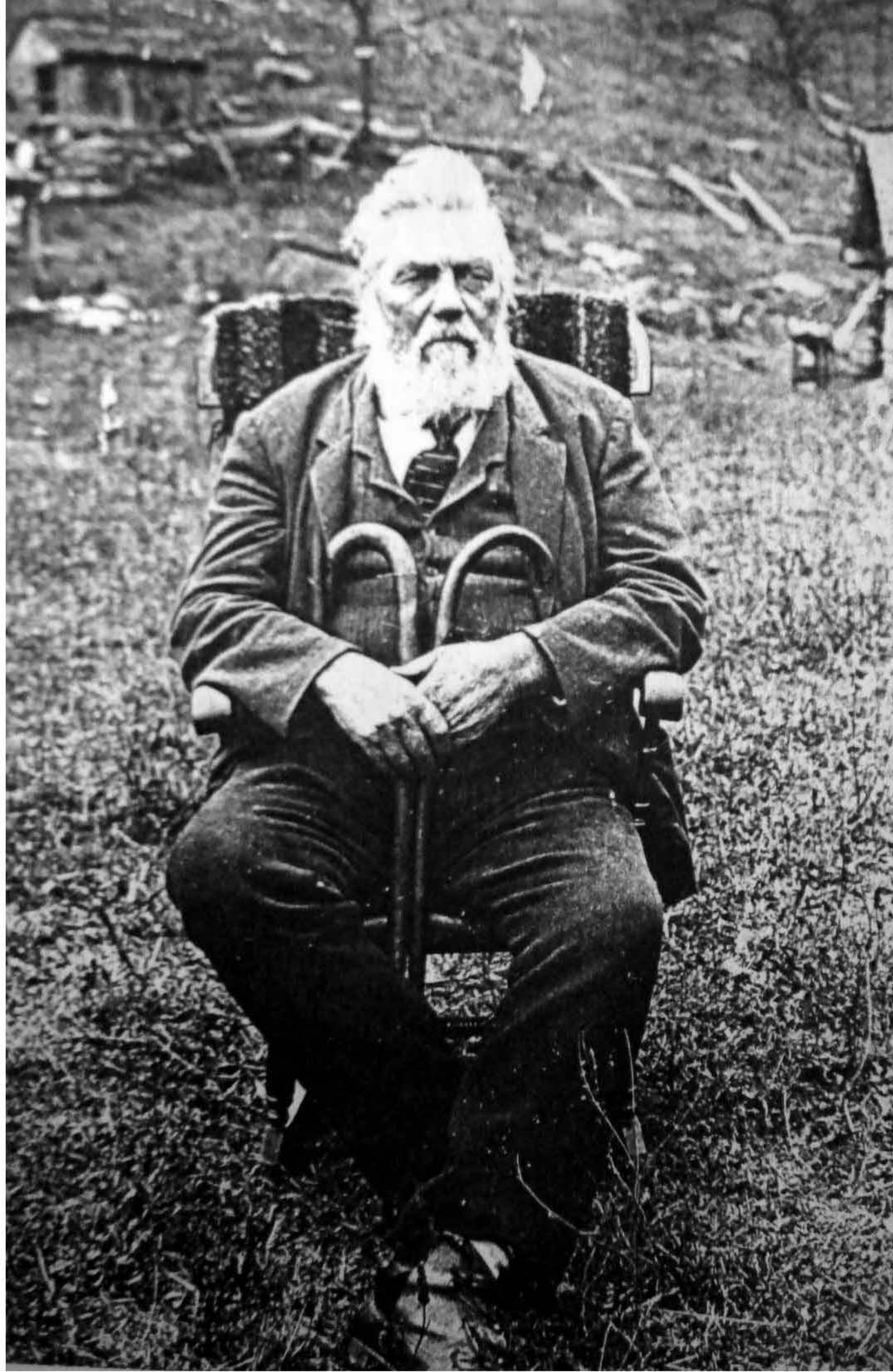


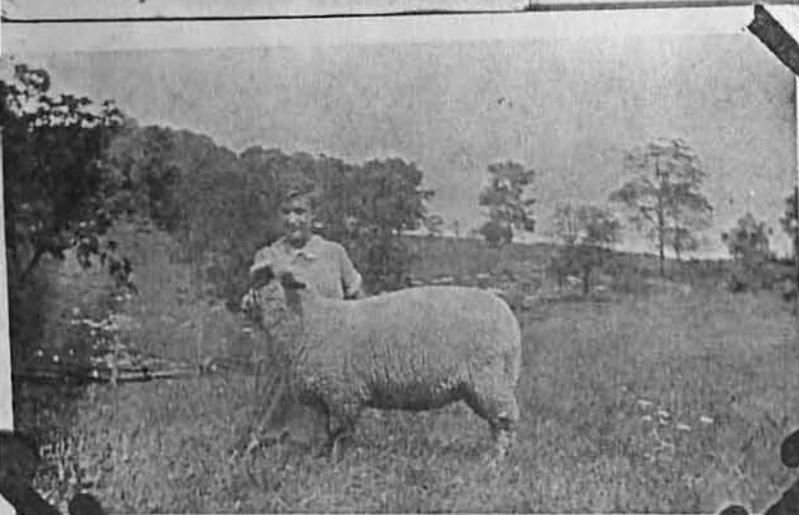
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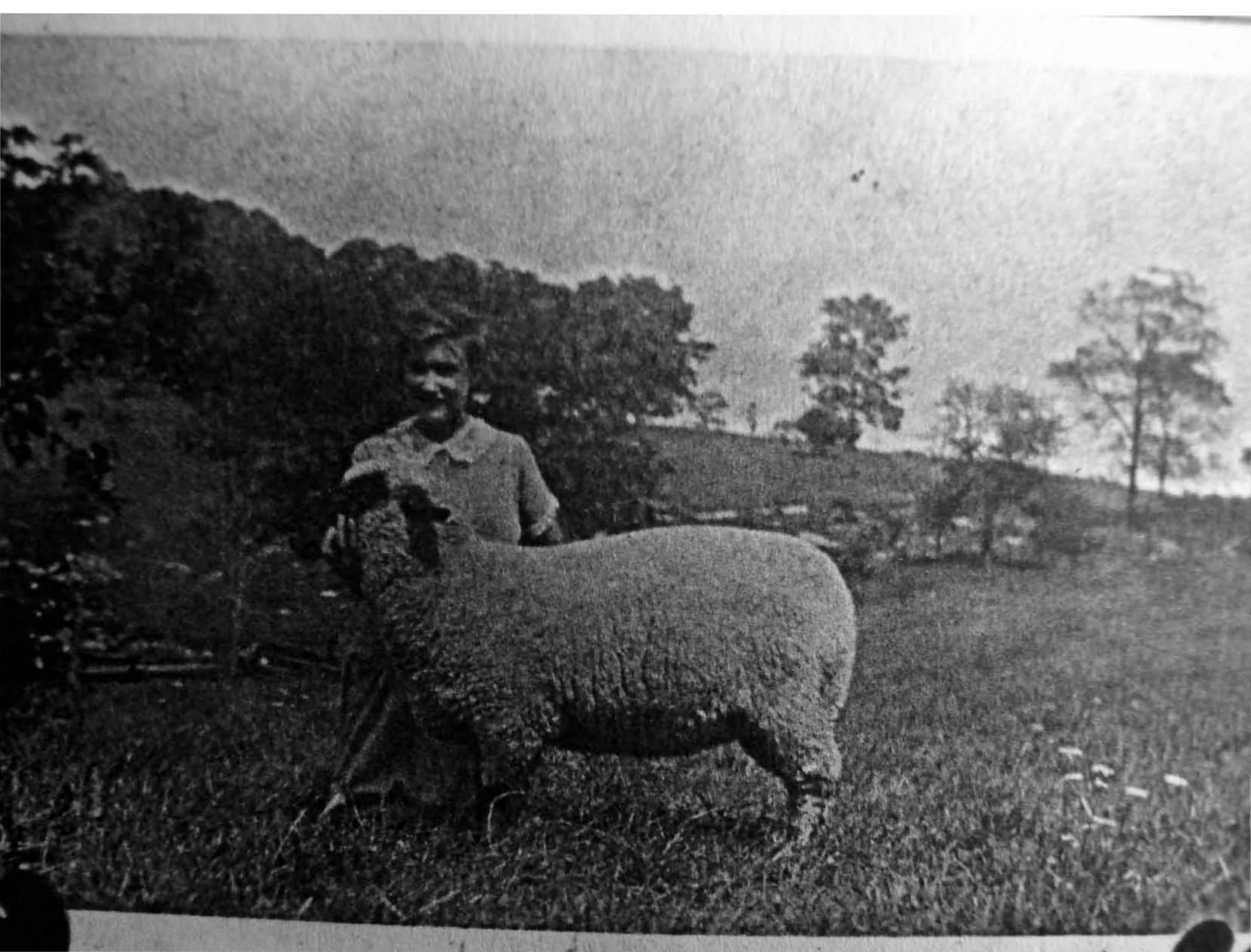
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Washington McMill

Was born March the 14th 1825

Died Feb the 17th 1864

He was taken from home
By the Confederate authorities

Jan the 12th 1864

Died at Richmond Va

Camp Lee Hospital

Feb the 17th 1864

Evaline Waugh was

Born October the 8th 1832

Died December 1920

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA



Distinctive Service

This certifies that George D. McNeill has rendered
35 years of service to Public Education in West Virginia
and in sincere appreciation and high praise of such service
this award is presented.

W. M. Frest

State Superintendent of Free Schools

Paige Woodbridge

President, West Virginia Board of Education, 1955-56

DATE June 1956



Office of
Mack H. Brooks
County Superintendent
J. K. Arbogast
Assistant Superintendent

POCAHONTAS COUNTY
Board of Education
Marlinton, West Virginia

November 30, 1956

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Hal Moore, Minnehaha Springs
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Dr. George D. McNeill
Buckeye, West Virginia

Dear Dr. McNeill:

We were very sorry you were unable to be present at the Classroom Teachers' Association Dinner Meeting, November 29. We missed you, because you were recognized as one of the outstanding leaders of the boys and girls of this county during your teaching career.

I am enclosing a copy of the program and a Certificate for Distinctive Service from the State of West Virginia.

With kindest personal regards to you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mack H. Brooks, Superintendent
Pocahontas County Schools

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Enclosure



THE OLD ENGLISH



A HUNDRED YEARS OF SOCCER

By Louise McNeill-Pease
Poet Laureate of West Virginia

Davis & Elkins College



Editor's Note: The following story, penned as a gift to Davis & Elkins College by West Virginia's Poet Laureate Louise MacNeill Pease, concludes with the College's 1992-93 academic theme, Year of the Book, and the dedication of the new Booth Library which opens this fall. This descriptive work reflects the competitive and joyous spirit of the Scotch Irish pioneers in West Virginia, and provides real-life insight into the physical endeavors and rich traditions of soccer. The game of soccer has long been an intercollegiate sports emphasis at Davis & Elkins College, and continues the tradition of mutual support by both College and community.

The author's association with the College began in 1942 when her father, the late G. Douglas McNeill, a former lawyer and high school administrator, was appointed associate professor of social science. Because of her great affection for the College, Mrs. Pease has donated her literary works, both published and unpublished, to the growing archival collection in the Booth Library at Davis & Elkins College. This story has been printed as a "pull out" supplement so that it can be removed in its entirety and shared with others.

As soon as I got off the phone call from Annabelle, I knew something had hit me. I was dizzy as a top, and I could hear a name going over and over in my head: "MacQueen!" "Mr. MacQueen!" Annabelle is my sister-in-law and lives up in Pocahontas County (West Virginia), while I live, mostly, in my lift chair down here in Kanawha. I'm 80 1/2 years old and in a rest home, so I do a lot of calling and Annabelle calls me with the news—like with "MacQueen".

As I quieted down, I realized that Annabelle had been telling me about Jamie's Hillsboro soccer team beating Elkins twice, tying Beckley, etc., etc. There's this all-county soccer league for the kids, but Hillsboro is only a village with a few farms gathered round, and Beckley is a coal city, and I had become so flabbergasted

on the phone about how Hillsboro could tie Beckley. Jamie is my great nephew and Annabelle's grandson; so naturally, she was trying to explain Mr. MacQueen. . . . "Mr. MacQueen!" That was it! This MacQueen was a Hillsboro farmer who had come over from Scotland and had taught soccer to Joe and Howard Walker when they were kids. Now Jamie was the kid and Joe his coach, with Howard helping out a little with "The Old English." So - then I knew I had made one of my far-off connections. Why, a man named McKenzie had come to the English Colony more than a hundred years ago; and the English lawyer, J.H.G. Wilson, a soccer expert, had taught the Pocahontas boys how to play. "G. D.", my father, was on that Wilson team and on and on the connections, till one fall, a team of Pocahontas boys had whipped D.C. for the national championship.

This soccer story had come to me, hit me like a head butt. But I don't know much more about soccer than I do about the Doppler Effect, whatever that is. So I got on the phone and called the Davis & Elkins College library and asked for a Xerox. I knew "G. D." had published something about soccer and the English Colony back in the 1950's. Next I wrote Jane Price Sharp at the Pocahontas Times office. I knew Jane could answer a question no one else could, and she could send me some stuff about the Frost team.

By now I knew what I was tracking: a hundred years of soccer the English had left us when they went away. Soccer, head butts, dribbles, "The Old English", as "G. D." said to me that night of his heart attack.

Before long, Jane and the Davis & Elkins library sent a sheaf of Xeroxes, and I began to take notes on the back of old envelopes. I like to keep organized. Especially when I'm

working within a chronology; and this story had a good, straight chronology on the English Colony—when it began and when it ended: 1883-1915.

In 1883 two aristocratic Englishmen, Charles Bruce and R. B. Chomondlay, came to Walter Tuke's in Millboro, Virginia. Bruce was an Oxford professor, and he and Chomondlay were on a hunting trip and also on a land-looking expedition. At Tuke's or on their way farther west, they met Andrew McLaughlin, who, at the time, owned much of the rich, level land upon which the town of Marlinton stands today. McLaughlin encouraged the visitors, talked to them about their plans for sheep farming in America, and pointed them on their westward way.

They came to the headspring of Tygart River, and before them lay the romantic dream. Standing above were the mountains covered with virgin spruce and pine. Below the mountains were the cleared slopes of bluegrass pasture. They could hear the very headspring of Tygart River purling out of the earth.

The woods were full of game: bear, deer, panther, pheasant, turkey; and the water branches were alive with brook trout. The birthplace of the winding Elk River lay not far to the eastward; and there were local farms, neighbors—not too many the Englishmen trusted—to despoil their paradise.

They bought, "cheap as dirt," a large tract of land. Then, with their traveling cook, Loyd, and possibly help also from some native workers, cut timber and built two sturdy houses. Bruce called his "The Glen."

Before long, though records are not clear as to the arrangements, Mrs. Bruce arrived from England bringing with her the two Bruce children and two servant maids.

After this pioneer settlement, the influx of English settlers was rapid and enthusiastic.

Geographically, the settlement was to extend, finally, from Linwood to Mingo. Houses such as "New Market" and "Fair Haven" and sheep farms scattered uphill and down dale. The sheep were usually Hampshire, Southdown, or Cheviot, and were shipped to market on a branch of the new C & O Railroad which was coming in to haul out the hardwood timber of the new, fast-running lumber boom.

The Englishmen were of that hardy sporting breed. A race track was built, a polo field, tennis courts, soccer fields. There was a zest for fly fishing, and also that famous marathon race between young Norman Price of Marlinton and the Englishman, F.S.L. Grews. Grews won the race from Mingo to the Marlinton bridge, covering some 25 miles in 2 hours, 59 minutes—crossing, on his way, three "formidable spurs of the Big Allegheny." But a few weeks later, Grews, out alone on a bear hunt, did not return by nightfall. Search was made. Grews was found lying on a flat rock, stone dead. He was buried in the Mingo graveyard; and, for him, I remember that. There is some corner of a foreign field that is forever England.

As I think of the great Mountain Marathon, "G. D.'s" voice comes back to me from a corner of our home fireplace, though I can remember only the gist of what he said. The Greek boy fell dead in the market square. If you count the time, Grews made a real run. When they found him, no sign of a struggle. Probably over-developed heart. As "G. D." speaks, the fire flames spin and cinders fall down. Some of the English, Oxford graduates. Some, younger sons of the nobility. Brought their maids, cooks, nurses, governesses, even a horse trainer. Then there was that Wilson, J.H.G. Wilson, just out of Oxford, and set up his law practice in Marlinton. As

"G. D." wrote in the article, "This Wilson was a soccer player deluxe." I remember his voice again, "A soccer player if I ever saw one. Coached us Marlinton boys. The thing spread. A soccer field in every holler and hamlet."

Because this "hollow and hamlet" growth of soccer paralleled the big years of our mountain timber boom, it is easy to imagine these great soccer games on a summer, Saturday afternoon. For Saturday was pronounced a holiday, and one can enlarge the length of the standard soccer field to 150 yards so as to make room for the 50 players on each side.

Here they were—say in one of Uncle Bob's or Uncle Jim Gibson's big stubble fields on Elk. The players, as they line up, are a "Motley Crew": farmers, loggers, and "nimble barefoot youths of twelve." The men are in their logger shirts and in cowhide boots or calk-heeled logger shoes. Some of the men wear long whiskers, and maybe there is a chew of "Brown Mule" tucked carefully back in the jaw.

The contest is fierce, sometimes bloody: calk-heeled boot on bare shin bone, a secret poke at a nose, and the whoops and hollers, "The Old English" head butt cracking against the ball, the mass of fans running up and down the sidelines, a few bottles of redevye whiskey passing up and down to thirst-quench the screaming crowd or even to bring a withering player back on his feet.

Lawyer Wilson's "Oxford" team from Marlinton was disgracefully beaten in the first game with the English, but there is a far sharper point, an historic point, to be made here. For a few of these native teams continued for more than 30 years and, then, sent their offshoots into the future, a future that extends through the generations even to the

Hillsboro kids, even to "Mr. MacQueen."

This long and prosperous life was not, however, to bless the English Colony itself. The late 1880's and the early 1890's were the golden years. Altogether, those who came and "tarried for awhile" numbered about 50. A few of their names evoke, "This happy breed of men, this little world": Mr. and Mrs. Archie Bruce and maid; W. T. and J. D. Langwerthy; James McKenzie; P. C. Puckle; Hubert Eainshaw and mother; Mr. and Mrs. Latimer Tuke and daughter, Gladys.

The era 1885-1900 can be seen as the years of growth and a certain stability. But the Boer War in South Africa (1899) and World War I (1915) called some of the men to Old England's need. One of these Mingo volunteers died in the Boer War and two in World War I. There were also two meaningful departures farther into West Virginia. The Latimer Tuke family, in 1908, moved to another farm near White Sulphur Springs, Greenbrier County. Also, Rev. O. N. Miles began to move his family to the little country churches: to Linwood, to Cloverlick, finally to Marlinton. Today, 1991, no known living descendant of the Colony remains in America. Yet the English had left to the people of Randolph and Pocahontas treasures now beyond recall. Certainly, they had left a touch of their gentle manners, a half-tone of their gentle speech, a measure of their "sporting blood," and a kind of exotic legend to tell by the fire. Most of all they had left their soccer. The first two Englishmen came to Walker Tuke's in Millboro, 1883; Jamie's schoolboy soccer league was organized in the late 1970's; and in between were those bursts of life, those lifts of joy, those legends of war and sacrifice, those summer Saturdays, those living fields of the sun.

It has been recorded that after the departure of the